

Amendment No. 1 to HB2470

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-110, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)(1) An application for TennCare enrollment shall include all necessary information for proper processing, which may include, among others, the following:

(A) Name and address of current employer; and

(B) Length of time at current employment.

(2) An application for TennCare enrollment shall require sufficient documentation to support eligibility, which may include the following:

(A) Two (2) forms of proof of salary, to include a copy of a paycheck and a copy of the applicant's federal income tax return from the prior year;

(B) A proof of residency, such as a current lease, mortgage or utility payment;

(C) A copy of a photo identification of an applicant sixteen (16) years of age or older;

(D) A statement from the any current employer, stating whether insurance is offered to employees and, if so, outlining the type and any cost to employees; and

(E) A ten dollar (\$10.00) fee from non-Medicaid eligible applicants.

(3) An application for TennCare enrollment as an uninsurable may also include the following written documents:

(A) A physician's statement regarding the applicant's medical condition; and

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(B) A copy of an insurance application, a letter of rejection from the insurance company's underwriting department and a list of conditions classified as uninsurable by the rejecting insurance company.

SECTION 2. No insurance company providing health insurance coverage in this state that rejects an insurance applicant as uninsurable based upon a preexisting condition shall refuse to timely provide the applicant with information necessary for the person to apply for TennCare coverage under this act.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.